

### The Anointing Oil and Incense

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Exo 30:30 "Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as priests.

Exo 30:31 Say to the Israelites, 'This is to be my sacred anointing oil for the generations to come.

Exo 30:32 Do not pour it on anyone else's body and do not make any other oil using the same formula. It is sacred, and you are to consider it sacred.

Exo 30:33 Whoever makes perfume like it and puts it on anyone other than a priest must be cut off from their people."

Exo 30:34 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take fragrant spices--gum resin, onycha and galbanum--and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts,

Exo 30:35 and make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred.

Exo 30:36 Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.

Exo 30:37 Do not make any incense with this formula for yourselves; consider it holy to the LORD.

Exo 30:38 Whoever makes incense like it to enjoy its fragrance must be cut off from their people."

Exodus 30:22-38 details the holy anointing oil and incense, representing consecration to God. In the New Testament, this is fulfilled by the Holy Spirit anointing believers ([1 John 2:20-27](#)) and the, as well as the prayers of believers rising to God like incense ([Rev 5:6-8](#)), establishing a spiritual, rather than physical, holiness.

[1Jn 2:20](#) But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

[1Jn 2:21](#) I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

[1Jn 2:22](#) Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist--denying the Father and the Son.

[1Jn 2:23](#) No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

[1Jn 2:24](#) As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

[1Jn 2:25](#) And this is what he promised us--eternal life.

[1Jn 2:26](#) I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.

[1Jn 2:27](#) As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

[Rev 5:6](#) Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

[Rev 5:7](#) He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

[Rev 5:8](#) And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

Key connections to the New Testament include:

- **The Anointing Oil (Holy Spirit):** The oil, used to consecrate priests (Aaron) and items in the Tabernacle, typifies the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, this refers to the believer's anointing by the Holy Spirit, empowering them to be a "royal priesthood" ([1 Peter 2:1-9](#)).

[1Pe 2:1](#) Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

1Pe 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

1Pe 2:3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1Pe 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him--

1Pe 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1Pe 2:6 For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

1Pe 2:7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

1Pe 2:8 and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- **The Incense (Prayer):** The burning of the sacred incense "before the testimony" symbolizes the prayers of the saints ([Revelation 5:8](#)).
- **Setting Apart (Holiness):** The strict prohibition against reproducing the oil or incense for personal use highlights that believers are called to be set apart (consecrated) for God's purpose, distinct from the world.

2Co 6:14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2Co 6:15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

2Co 6:16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

2Co 6:17 Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

2Co 6:18 And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

**Christ as the True Priest:** The priests anointed in Exodus 30:22-30 foreshadow Christ, who was anointed not with oil, but by the Holy Spirit for his ministry, this source.

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**Mat 3:13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

**Mat 3:14** But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

**Mat 3:15** Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

**Mat 3:16** As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

**Mat 3:17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

In essence, the physical, strict ingredients of Exodus are fulfilled by the spiritual reality of the Holy Spirit's work and the prayerful lives of believers in the New Covenant.